Library Connections

Catawba County Library System

March 2016

Big Read Partner Events

Book Reading and Speaker:
Blood Done Sign My Name
Thursday, March 3
11 am - Tarlton Complex
6 pm - East Wing Auditorium
Timothy Tyson will speak about his book

CVCC Book Discussion
Wednesday, March 9 at 12 noon

Murray's Mill 1930's Experience
Saturday, March 12 from 1-4 pm
Enjoy an admission FREE day at Murray's Mill historical site where visitors will experience a day in the 1930's.
Live music with *Secondhand Still*

Dollar-A-Day Boys: A musical tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps
Tuesday, March 15 at 6 pm
Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory

Taste Full Beans Coffeehouse Book Discussion
Friday, March 18 at 6 pm
Hickory library staff will lead a discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Lenoir-Rhyne Book Discussion
Monday, March 21 at 6 pm
Belk Centrum
Join us to discuss the book - its themes, humor and relevance today

Book Discussion: To Kill a Mockingbird
Monday, March 21 at 6:30 pm
Ridgeview Public Library
Lead by Sojourner Truth Book Club

Teen Jeopardy
Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 pm
Patrick Beaver Public Library
Teens will participate in playing Jeopardy to discuss topics related to the book

One Community—One Book—The Big Read!

The Big Read is a national program designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The Big Read brings together partners across communities to encourage reading for pleasure and enrichment. Catawba County is one of hundreds of nationwide communities that will participate in the Big Read. Catawba County will read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the Pulitzer Prize winner written by Harper Lee.

Eight weeks of community wide events kicked off on February 23 at the Catawba Valley Community College Black History Celebration. The Big Read project will wrap up with six productions of *To Kill a Mockingbird* at the Green Room Community Theatre in Newton April 8-17th. Along with many opportunities for sharing and discussing the book and its themes, throughout the month there will also be a free admission day at the historic Murray's Mill on Saturday, March 12th, and several guest appearances by Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 movie *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

The library will also host a companion read and discussion of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy*, a powerful work by the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative recounting his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need, and reflecting on his pursuit of the ideal of compassion in American justice.

In addition to free copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* that will be available at community events, copies will also be available throughout the county in random locations. So, you might find a brown paper bag with a quote from the book at your favorite local hangout, doctor's office, or store. At the conclusion of this project, Big Read partners will have put 1,300 English and 200 Spanish copies of this timeless classic into the hands of Catawba County readers.

All through the month of March there will be a Big Read photo contest in which members of the community are encouraged to take pictures of places, objects, buildings, trees, or other images that remind them of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Whether you consider yourself a pro photographer, or just someone who likes taking photos with your phone, the contest will be a fun and engaging way to experience the Big Read.

Citizens can post as many photos as they like to Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram using **#catcobigread**. Throughout the month, we will be tracking the hashtag and re-posting photos on the our social media platforms. At the end of March, those who follow our social media will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite photos. Winning photographers will receive prizes including a Kindle Fire or tickets to the Green Room Community Theatre productions of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Visit librarynews.catawbacountync.gov for more about all Big Read events!

Main
828.465.8664

Children, Teens, Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes
Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am
Preschool story time with reading readiness for ages 0-5. Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Paws to Read
Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 4:30 pm
Call to register. Children are invited to sit and read to a certified therapy dog.

STEAM

STEAM Dr. Seuss & The Lorax Celebration
Tuesday, March 1 at 4 pm
Children of all ages are invited to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. After watching *The Lorax* children can take home Dr. Seuss activities and crafts!

STEAM Program – ACC GAMES @ the Library
Tuesday, March 8 at 4 pm
Who loves basketball? School age children will play basketball themed games and get ready for college basketball tournaments. Kids can fill out ACC tournament bracket and the most accurate brackets will win prizes!

Teen STEAM Program:
Fun with P-Nut Butter
Monday, March 14 at 6:30 pm
Learn about George Washington Carver, make homemade peanut butter and create various treats using your peanut butter.

STEAM – Movie Day: *The Good Dinosaur*
Tuesday, March 15 at 4 pm
What if the dinosaurs never became extinct? In this epic journey, an Apatosaurus named Arlo makes an unlikely human friend. While traveling through a mysterious landscape, Arlo learns the power of confronting his fears and discovers what he is truly capable of.

STEAM – Sing A Long With *Frozen*
Tuesday, March 22 at 4 pm
Kids of all ages will enjoy celebrating National Sing-Out Day as we enjoy singing the popular songs from the hit Disney Movie – *Frozen*!

STEAM – The Science of Carbonation
Tuesday, March 23 at 4 pm
Coca-Cola was invented on March 23 in 1886. Kids will explore what carbonation is along with other activities including a taste test!

Adults, Career, and Tech

3-D Basics:
Tuesday, March 1 at 6 pm
Saturday, March 12 at 10am
Join us to find out what 3-D printing is, how it works, and where to find, create, and share 3-D printable files.

NC Works
Every Wednesday from 10 am—2 pm
Let a NC Works career specialist help connect you to a great job. They provide 1-on-1 help with job searches, completing online applications, and resume writing.

AARP Free Tax Preparation
Tuesdays from 8:30 -3:00 pm
By appointment only: Call 828-358-4634

Movie Night: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962)
Thursday, March 3 at 5 pm
Join us for this classic film version of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel with Oscar worthy performances by Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch and Mary Badham as his daughter Scout. *Mark your calendars to meet the actress Mary Badham April 4/5*

Coffee and Conversation
Tuesday, March 8 at 2 pm
Hosted by the Newton Library and the Southern Pens book club. We will compare and contrast *To Kill a Mockingbird* with Lee's most recent publication *Go Set a Watchman* (at Marie & Twannette's).

Instagram: Introduction
Tuesday, March 8 at 6 pm
Learn basic features of the app: taking pictures, uploading videos, adding filters and, connecting with others. Instagram will be part of our Big Read photo contest.

Budgeting and Saving
Thursday, March 10 at 6 pm
Crystal McMillan from Wells Fargo

Online Job Searching
Friday, March 11 at 10 am
Become familiar with a variety of websites to find and apply for jobs, get help with online applications, and submit electronic resumes.

Murray's Mill 1930's Experience
Saturday, March 12 from 1-4 pm
Enjoy an admission FREE day at Murray's Mill historical site where visitors will experience a day in the 1930's and live music with "Secondhand Still". (*Sponsored by Friends of the Library*)

Learn to Knit
Saturday, March 12 at 3 pm
Pick up some sticks and let us show you how to cast on and knit stitch so you can get started knitting today!

YouTube Basics
Monday March 14 at 11 am
Dive into the world of YouTube, an online platform that allows you to share and watch community generated videos. Find out how to change a tire on a car, search for music, or learn how to connect with others who share your interests in this program.

Learn, Act, Grow Garden Series:
Summer Vegetables Workshop
Tuesday, March 15 at 6:30 pm
Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Co-operative Extension Director, to learn more about growing favorite summer vegetables.

Downloading Digital Books:
Thursday, March 17 at 10 am
Learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the North Carolina Digital Library onto your mobile device or laptop.

Dollar-A-Day Boys: A musical tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corps
Wednesday, March 16 at 2 pm
Community Ctr at *Abernethy Laurels Retirement Community (sponsored by Friends of the Library)*

Movie Night: Hey Boo: Harper Lee and *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Thursday, March 17 at 6 pm
Hey, Boo explores *To Kill a Mockingbird* and unravels some of the mysteries surrounding Harper Lee. It also sheds light on the context and history of the Deep South setting and the social changes it inspired.

Screenprinting with the Digital Cutter:
Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm
Get hands on experience on how to screenprint using our TechConnect's new Silhouette Digital Cutter. We'll be using a vinyl decal cut by the Silhouette Digital cutter to print a design using a silkscreen technique and paint.

Book to Big Screen Discussion: Big Read
Thursday, March 24 at 6 pm
Join us for a discussion about the differences between the book and the movie, *To Kill a Mockingbird.*

Protecting Your Privacy Online
Friday, March 25 at 10 am
The web gives us access to our world, but how do you make sure the world doesn't have access to you and your personal information? Join us as we discuss helpful tips and tricks to protect your privacy online.

TinkerCad 101
Tuesday, March 29 at 6 pm
Learn how to create 3-D files using TinkerCad, a free online Computer Aided Design (CAD) software. Participants will create a simple object using geometric shapes and letters that can be printed using the 3-D printer.

Gmail Introduction
Wednesday, March 30 at 10 am
Gmail is a Google based email application that's great for sending, receiving, and organizing your email to make it more manageable. We'll explore how to set up a Gmail account, navigate through email messages, and look at general functions and settings.

Big Read Companion Read: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 pm
Join us for a discussion of a companion read—*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson and a viewing of his TED talk.

Resume Reviews:
Did you know that recruiters spend an average of 6 seconds reviewing a resume? How do you make those few seconds count? Schedule an individual one-hour resume session to help get you started writing a great resume or revise your current one. Contact Shelley Orr at 828-465-9494 for more information.

Claremont
828.466.6817

Children & Teens

Baby Bounce
Every Wednesday at 10 am
This sweet and simple 20-minute storytime session features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing or our youngest learners, ages 3-18 mos.

Crafturday: Rainbows
Saturday, March 12 at 1 pm
The whole family will enjoy crafting in all the colors of the rainbow with this sensory art program. Experiment with chromatography, create a wind sock, & make a clay seed pod that will grow plants in a variety of colors.

Dino Mania
Thursday, March 31 at 1 pm
Have a family adventure learning about paleontology and watch *The Good Dinosaur*. Be a scientist going on a safari, diagnose a sick triceratops, and make cave paintings. After these quick and fun activities, settle down in your own nest to watch the movie.

Adults, Career, and Tech
Technology Tutoring
Every Thursday, by appointment
Call the library to book an hour long session with a librarian to learn new skills and solve your technology problems. You can learn anything from finding and printing recipes online to selling on eBay.

Conover
828.466.5108

Children & Families

***To Kill a Mockingbird* Bags and Mugs**
Tuesday, March 1 at 6 pm
Get creative when you use quotations from *To Kill a Mockingbird* to make DIY tote bags and mugs. All materials are provided at no cost to participants. *Space is limited so please register to participate.*

Coffee, Cards, and Conversation
Wednesday, March 2 at 3 pm
Enjoy free coffee and learn card games from the 1930's as we discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird*. *This event is free to the public, but space is limited, so please register to attend*.

Career and Tech
Storing Recipes and Coupons with Pinterest
Friday, March 4 at 2 pm
Organize the information you find on the internet with Pinterest, a powerful tool for keeping track of recipes, crafts, coupons, and more. Pinterest can save the ideas you like in a place you can find later. Try it out with this free class that's open to all.

What is Social Media?
Friday, March 11 at 2 pm
Does tweeting seem like something for birds? Is Facebook confusing or has it just turned stale? Join us for an hour long demonstration that will take you through the uses of Twitter, Facebook, and Tumblr.

Maiden
828.428.2712

Children
Ready to Learn Storytimes
Thursdays at 9:30 am
Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

STEAM: Wind Mill Racing
Saturday, March 19 at 11 am
The breezes will be picking up this spring! Elementary age children will build a windmill to try and lift a cup of rocks using the power of wind. The fastest lift wins a prize! This is a demonstration of how to harness the wind and put its energy to work. *Space is very limited and registration is required.*

Adults, Career, and Tech
Documentary Day: Hey Boo: Harper Lee and *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Wednesday, March 2 at 4pm
Enjoy free coffee and learn about the history and impact of the publication of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

Learn, Act, Grow Garden Series: Summer Vegetables Workshop
Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 pm
Join Dr. George Place, Catawba County Cooperative Extension Director, to learn more about growing favorite summer vegetables.

Sherrills Ford-Terrell
828.466.6827

Children, Teens, Family
Ready to Learn Storytimes
Wednesday & Thursday at 10 am
Join us for songs, sensory play, crafts, and stories designed to prepare your preschooler to learn.

Baby Bounce
Tuesdays at 2 pm
This sweet and simple 30 minute story time features rhymes, bounces, sensory play, and singing for our youngest learners.

Youth Art Month
Everyday in March
In support of Youth Art Month, stop by the library and learn something new about some famous artists, then try your hand at "Art in the style of…."

Pawsitive Reading
Thursday, March 3 from 3:30 - 5 pm
Call to register: 15-20 minute sessions.
Have a pawsitive reading experience! Come read to certified therapy dogs.

Teen Tech Week: Create it at Your Library!

Wednesday, March 9 at 4 pm
Call to Register. Celebrate Teen Tech Week! We will be using ToonDoo to create cartoons. ToonDoo is a comic cartoon creator that allows users to choose from a wide variety of art in order to create completely original cartoons. Grades 6-12

Art on Pages

Wednesday, March 16 at 4 pm
Call to Register. Teens are invited to create original art using book pages. Stop by the library and get creative! Grades 6-12

Stories & More: Get Your Green On!

Thursday, March 17 at 3:30 pm
Call to Register. Did you know St. Patrick is said to have driven the snakes out of Ireland! Come to this "Stories and More" and learn about the legends associated with this holiday. Grades K-3

Science Saturday

Saturday, March 19 at 1 pm
This month we are showing Disneynature documentary, *African Cats,* which captures the real life love, humor, and determination of the majestic kings of the Savanna.

Spring Fling

Thursday, March 24 at 3:30 pm
Call to Register. Spring is here! Celebrate the "birth of a new season" with egg activities galore. We will play egg games, do some egg crafts and have an egg scavenger hunt. Grades K-5

Adults, Career, and Tech

Computer Basics

Tuesday, March 8 at 6 pm
This class is for anyone just beginning to learn how to use a computer. We will briefly go over the physical computer parts, how to turn the computer on and off, the desktop, Start menu, and how to use the mouse.

Internet Basics

Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm
This class is for new computer users who would like to learn how to use the Internet. We will learn how to open a web browser, how to navigate to different sites, and how to search the Web using a search engine.

Computer and Tablet Drop-In Sessions

Every other Tuesday from 6-7 pm
Have a computer question or an E-reader question? Drop-in and we will help. You can also call to set up a one-on-one appointment anytime.

Mystery Mavens Book Club

Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm
We'll be discussing *In the Woods* by Tana French. *The Daughter of Time* by Josephine Tey will be discussed in April.

The Life of Harper Lee

Monday, March 14 at 6 pm
Come learn about the life of Harper Lee, as fascinating as the characters that she created. Unravel the mysteries that surround her, including why she took 55 years to publish again. *Call to Register.*

NC LIVE Exploration Series

Friday, March 18 at 11 am
NC LIVE provides free, online access to powerful and reliable information and resources. This month we'll explore NC LIVE's Everything NC! section.

Friends of the Library Community Read

Monday, March 21 from 7-9 pm
Discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Author Tony Abbott will facilitate. Stop by the library in advance to check out a copy of the book and get reading!

Southwest
828.466.6818

Children, Teens, Families

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Wednesdays at 10, Thursdays at 11 am
Come for songs, stories, and finger plays.

Shoe Box Doll Houses

Thursday, March 10 at 11:30 am
Make your own dollhouse with shoeboxes. Bring your own cardboard shoeboxes.

Intro to Microsoft Excel

Friday, March 16 at 10 am
Learn how to create an Excel spreadsheet. *Space is limited so call to Register .*

African American Genealogy

Tuesday, March 22 at 6 pm
Learn how to access existing records of your ancestors. Explore various genealogy tools and databases. If you already have charts or research, feel free to bring it to this session.

St. Stephens
828.466.6821

Children, Teens, Family

Ready to Learn Storytimes

Wednesday & Thursdays at 10:00 am
Each Tuesday evening at 6 pm
Join in the fun with stories, songs, creative movement, craft activities, and more that encourage development of Early Literacy skills in young children.

Crafternoons - Soap Carving

Thursday, March 10 at 4 pm
Carve out a new hobby with a bar of soap, a popsicle stick tool, and inspiration from *To Kill a Mockingbird.* Children make their own carving, starting with one of our templates or their own design. Children should be at least 9 years old. *Call to register*.

STEAM Program: Making Birdhouses

*Thursday, March 17 at 4 p*m
A Home Depot Representative will teach children 6 and up how to build and paint a birdhouse of their own to celebrate spring. *Call to register soon. Supplies are limited.*

Movies at the Library: "Shaun the Sheep"

Friday, March 18 at 4 pm
Enjoy the movie, popcorn and a drink—as well as a lot of fun!

Adults, Career, and Tech

Knitting for Beginners

Monday, March 7 at 6 pm
Want to learn to knit? Join the Knitting Group to learn beginning skills, increase your skills, or chat with other knitters.
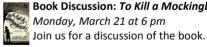
NC Digital Library

Wednesday, March 9 at 10 am
Learn how to download FREE audios, e-books or music from NC Digital Library onto your digital device. *Call to register.*

First Time Homebuyers Workshop for Latinos

Saturday, March 19 at 2 pm
Living the American Dream: Are You Ready To Purchase a Home? Learn if homeownership is right for you, and how much you can afford. *Presented in Spanish.*

Book Discussion: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Monday, March 21 at 6 pm
Join us for a discussion of the book.

BYOD-Bring Your Own Device

Wednesday, March 30 at 10 am
Bring your own device to our open lab and ask questions. 15 minute slots will be available for individual assistance. Please come prepared with all passwords.

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